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it was learned in Stendal (M 53/Y 85) that the heavy Type 8 rails on the Stendal-Salzwedel (M 53/Y 27) railroad line are being exchanged for light Type 6 rails. The dismantled rails will be used for the construction of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring. After completion of the exchange of rails, heavy type-52 locomotives will not be suitable for operations on the Stendal-Salzwedel line. *

Comment. This uneconomical exchange of rails, which was caused by the lack of rail material in the Soviet Zone of Germany, was reported previously. The light rails were obtained by dismantling the Gardelegen-Neubaldensleben railroad line. [redacted]

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